

**PERMANENT MISSION OF PAKISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

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(Right of Reply)

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Pakistan is exercising this right of reply in response to India's right of reply.

2. India will lose all credibility if it continues on the path of disinformation and concoction of lies that we just heard from the Indian delegate.

3. India of today is not only doing injustice to the Kashmiris in Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir but also with the memory of its founding fathers that were supporters of UN sponsored plebiscite in Kashmir. India remains in illegal occupation of Jammu and Kashmir, flouting international law and the UN Charter. India yet again resorted to disinformation, misquoting the UNSC resolutions regarding demilitarization. According to the UN Security Council resolution 98, absolute demilitarization was never a precondition for plebiscite.

4. Being a country who is leading in fake news and internet hoaxes than anywhere else in the world, we could not have expected an informed response from India. One such disinformation was regarding the situation in Azad Jammu and Kashmir. The people in Azad Jammu and Kashmir are living in harmony and peace with their human rights respected by the State institutions. Pakistan has introduced a very liberal visa policy and anyone can visit AJK. This is in sharp contrast to the Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, which has been converted into a concentration camp, with no free access for international media and experts.

Mr. President,

5. Pakistan has proscribed and banned all organizations listed in relevant Security Council regimes. On the contrary, India does not need any organization

because it itself is the biggest propagator of state sponsored terrorism in the region, trying to subvert its smaller neighbours for decades. There is a long list of Indian state sponsored terrorism activities including the confessions of Indian naval commander Kulbushan Yadev, of fuelling sectarian violence in Pakistan, and the testimonies of captured TTP terrorists, on their terrorist activities to destabilize Pakistan. Similar policy of state sponsored terrorism employed by India in the past resulted in assassination of their former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

6. Today's India stands divided on the lines of caste and religion. Rather than strengthening the notion that India is the 'disinformation news agency of the world', we would urge India to introspect on the troubling trajectory of its dysfunctional democracy.

I thank you Mr. President.